

Appl. No. 10/600,743
Amtd. Dated May 7, 2004
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Independent Claim 1 is cancelled. Claim 2 is amended to be in independent form and incorporates the elements of Claim 1. Because Claim 2 was only objected to for being dependent on rejected base Claim 1, Claim 2 should now be allowed. Claims 3 through 20 remain in the application in their original form. Because Claims 3-8 were only objected to for being dependent on rejected Claim 1, Claims 3-8 should now be allowed. Claims 9-21 were allowed and should remain allowed.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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